

Notices

The Crib Offerings: The Crib offerings this year are Ann Nestling Charity for the Homeless

From the Youth Group: Upcoming Events

February	Youth Retreat Day – Theme: "We Are The Church"
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Communion Class; Confirmation Class and RCIA:
Schedules/programmes resume normal schedule this week.

Children's Liturgy: The Children's Liturgy is held on the first Saturday of each month only. All First Holy Communion candidates and their families must attend weekly Masses, sitting in the first 3 pews in front of the pulpit. Candidates must also sign the Register positioned at the front of the pulpit.

Truth Project: Bishop Tom Burns has decided to set aside time for the purpose of meeting with victims and survivors of clerical, child sexual abuse who live in Menevia.

This will be done in co-operation with the Diocesan Safeguarding Co-ordinator, who will assist the Bishop in responding in the best possible way to those who speak to him in his pastoral role as their Bishop, to let him know of their pain, hurt and anger.

If you have suffered clerical, child sexual abuse, no matter how long ago, or even if it was outside of the Diocese, please call the Truth Line on 07598 966956.

Your calls will be taken in the strictest confidence and maintained as such throughout the project.

Weddings 2019: For all who have booked their wedding in the Cathedral for 2019, it is very important that you contact Canon Benedict to confirm the dates and commence all preparations by the second week of February.

Baptism Programme for parents: The Baptism Programme runs three times each year: September-October, January-February, and May-June, actual dates to be set near the time. 'Baptismal Request' forms may be found in the purple file in the Cathedral porch. Please take one, complete it and return it to Joyce or Pat. **IMPORTANT:** Please kindly read the 'Guidelines for Infant Baptism in the Parish'. These are available on the parish website or, alternatively, you may pick up a copy from the porch. Please note, we comply strictly with these guidelines.

Newsletter: It has been observed that many parishioners are not taking their newsletters home, but leaving them behind in the pews. Please kindly take it home with you and re-read it at your leisure.

Your last week's offerings: £1,085.80
(Including Standing Orders and 2nd Collection)
PLEASE REMEMBER THE PARISH IN YOUR WILL

Christmas Concert: £178.30: Christmas Raffle: £277.30

** Gift Aid returns will reduce the weekly deficit, but will not make up the shortfall. If you are a tax payer and you are not already signed up to the Gift Aid giving system, please consider doing so, it will not cost you any extra, but the Church will get the benefit of tax relief.*

A warm welcome to those who have recently made the Cathedral their regular place of worship. It is a good idea to let your Parish Priest know your name and address so that he will know who, and where, you are. Furthermore, if you are already an Altar Server, Reader etc. and would be prepared to exercise your Ministry here, please speak to the Parish Priest.

Mass Intentions Received; Beryl M Dooley (RIP); Tom, Gladys & Brendan Davies (RIP); Pacifico Valdoz (RIP); Edna Loretta Evans (RIP); Valerie Mary Orr (RIP); James Ernst Orr (RIP); Edward Dooley

Sanctuary Lamp Requests: Gary Lewis (Sick)^{x2}; Malcolm Seabright (RIP).

Hymns for Sunday Liturgy

Opening Song	As with gladness men of old	166
Preparation of Gifts	The First Nowell	150
Communion	We three kings of Orient are	170
Closing	Come to the manger	139

Choir Practice: New members always welcome. Please see Andrew after the 10:00 a.m. Mass or contact the Office.

HOLIDAYS OF OBLIGATION The Bishops' Conference of England & Wales has decreed the following changes to the observance from 2018: The Epiphany, currently kept on the first Sunday after New Year, will be celebrated on 6th January (or on the nearest Sunday if the 6th falls on Saturday or Monday). The Ascension, currently kept on the Sunday before Pentecost, will be celebrated on the Thursday after the 6th Sunday of Easter, that is, 40 days after Easter Sunday.

Piety Shop: New stock arriving on an on-going basis. Now available: 2019 Diocesan Directory/Year Books - price £3.20.

Business Matters: For all official matters, please contact the Parish Office. Fr. Benedict is very happy to have informal chats with everyone after weekend Masses, but official matters are better discussed in the office.